

**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	09/783,232
Filing Date	February 14, 2001
First Named Inventor	Oleg Kishkovich
Confirmation Number	1552
Group Art Unit	1743
Examiner Name	B. Gordon
Attorney Docket Number	301500.1003-005 (Prior No. 2532.1003-005)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

*Note:* 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
  - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ☐.
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on ☐.
  - iii. ☐ Other – ☐.
- b. ☒ Enclosed
  - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv. ☐ Other – ☐.

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ☐ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(1) required)
- b. ☐ Other – ☐.

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.14 when the RCE is filed. A copy is enclosed for accounting purposes

- a. ☒ A check is enclosed for the following fees in the amount of \$1,680.00  
OR  
☐ Authorization is granted to charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1935.  
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- b. i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 01 FC:1801 750.00 OP ✓
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Amendment Fee
- iv. ☐ Other – ☐.
- c. ☒ Authorization is hereby granted to charge any insufficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1935

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action made final and mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 15, 2002 in the above-identified application. In lieu of filing a Notice of Appeal, Applicants' Attorney is filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition of time to respond to the Office Action and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.